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## Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PETERS, DAVID

Examiner

Alvin J. Grant

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5/27/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. **Claims 1 and 2** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zuburchen et al. '693 in view of Petres '623 and Head '693 considered separately.

3. Zurbuchen et al. discloses a socket wrench comprising: a handle, a solid neck portion and an annular head, a ratchet mechanism in the annular head, wherein the handle, the neck portion and the annular head are formed from a polymer. Zurbuchen et al. does not specifically disclose a hollow handle for storing a plurality of sockets.

Peters discloses a socket wrench having a hollow handle for storing a plurality of sockets so that they may be readily accessible whenever they are needed. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have made the wrench of Zurbuchen et al. to have a hollow handle for storing sockets therein as taught by Peters so as so that they may be readily accessible.

Zurbuchen et al. does not specifically disclose a wrench constructed of nylon 6. Head discloses the use of nylon 6 for forming tubular parts because of its durability. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have made the handle of the wrench of the modified Zurbuchen et al. out of nylon 6 as taught by Head because of its durability

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4. **Claims 3 and 6** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zurbuchen et al. in view of Peters and Head '693 considered separately and in further view of Majima '783.

Zurbuchen et al. as modified is described above. The modified Zurbuchen et al. does not specifically disclose a wrench constructed reinforced nylon. Majima discloses a wrenching tool made of glass reinforced nylon because of its lightweight and strength characteristics. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have made the handle of the wrench of the modified Zurbuchen et al. out of glass reinforced nylon as taught by Majima because of its light weight and strength characteristics.

### ***Response to Arguments***

5. Applicant's arguments and declaration filed 5/31/05 has been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alvin J. Grant whose telephone number is (571) 272-4484. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail can be reached on (571) 272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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